

# GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING AND REMITTING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY



State of Hawaii

"Holders of unclaimed property are usually companies, businesses, corporations, partnerships, professional associations, non-profit organizations, private organizations, government entities or state agencies in possession of unclaimed property as defined in 523A, HRS. Holders are required to annually report and escheat unclaimed property to the State of Hawaii Unclaimed Property Program."

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## **References**

- Unclaimed Property Statutes http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol12\_Ch0501-0588/HRS0523A/HRS\_0523A-.htm
- NAUPA Standard Electronic File Format http://www.wagers.net/NaupaSpec/NaupaRevisedStandard.pdf
- Holder Request for Reimbursement Form http://www.nast.org/NAUPA/Holder%20Reimbursement%20Final%2010-17-05.pdf

#### **Unclaimed Property Program**

No. 1 Capitol District Building 250 S. Hotel Street, Room 304

(808) 586-1589

- \* Chapter 523A of HRS addresses the unclaimed property law. Holders are encouraged to review the statutes and its affects to the holder reporting process.\*
  - Reference Unclaimed Property Statutes (HRS)
     http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol12 Ch0501-0588/HRS0523A/HRS 0523A-.htm

### **Unclaimed Property Law Changes**

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CHAPTER 523A [NEW]
                            [UNCLAIMED PROPERTY]
     Part I. Uniform Unclaimed Property Act
Section
    523A-1 Short title
    523A-2 Definitions
    523A-3 Presumptions of abandonment
  523A-3.5 Gift certificates and gift cards
    523A-4 Contents of safe deposit box or other safekeeping
           depository
    523A-5 Rules of taking custody
    523A-6 Dormancy charge
    523A-7 Burden of proof as to property evidenced by record of
           check or draft
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   523A-21 Retention of records
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   523A-23 Interstate agreements and cooperation; joint and
           reciprocal actions with other states
   523A-24 Interest and penalties
   523A-25 Agreement to locate property
   523A-26 Deposit of funds
   523A-27 Foreign transactions
  523A-28 Transitional provisions
  523A-29 Rules
   523A-30 Uniformity of application and construction
                                                      * for viewing purposes only
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\* Unclaimed property is any financial asset, usually intangible, being held for a person or entity that cannot be located. The unclaimed property law requires holders to report and escheat annually. The following information is provided to assist holders with reporting and remitting unclaimed property.\*

The process of reporting and remitting unclaimed property to the State of Hawaii, Unclaimed Property Program is a cycle. A cycle begins six months prior to the November 1 report deadline, holders send written notice to the apparent owner of unclaimed property informing the owner of the intent to escheat the abandoned property to the State. Holders submit a report prior to the Nov 1 deadline, then a list of names and last known addresses of the owners is published by the State. Following the publication, prior to May 1, holders submit an updated report along with remittance of unclaimed property. May 1 is the begininning of the next cycle.



# **Holder Reporting Cycle**

#### MAY 1 \* Begin Due Diligence

NOV 1 Report Due
Submission of an electronic file

MAR 1 Legal Notice published by the State of Hawaii

MAY 1 Updated Report Due Remittance Due

\* Begin Due Diligence for the next reporting period

Remittance payable to: Director of Finance, State of Hawaii

# Reporting Guidelines

#### STEP 1 ✓ Determine if you are a "holder" of unclaimed property

Holders are businesses, organizations, and any other entities in possession of unclaimed property. The most common types of unclaimed property are: savings and checking accounts, checks, warrants, wages, commissions, insurance proceeds, stocks, securities, refunds, or safe deposit box contents.

# STEP 2 ✓ Determine if the property has been inactive or dormant long enough to be reported as unclaimed property

The type of property reported will determine how long the property must remain abandoned to be considered unclaimed property. Dormancy periods range from one year to fifteen years.

#### STEP 3 ✓ Try to locate the owners

Hawaii law requires holders to make a diligent effort to locate owners of property. Efforts must include a written notice, informing the owner that the holder will escheat the property to the State of Hawaii.

#### STEP 4 File a Report by November 1

Holders must report property determined to be unclaimed for owners with a last known address in Hawaii. If the owner's address is unknown, the property is reported to the state where the holder is incorporated. Owner information includes: name, last known address, social security number or taxpayer identification number.

#### STEP 5 Remit the amount due May 1

Following the report in November, holders must file a final report and escheat all unclaimed property. Remittance payable to: **Director of Finance, State of Hawaii**.

- \* It is the responsibility of all businesses and organizations to maintain records and report all unclaimed property to the State of Hawaii. Submission of accurate and thorough owner information is required.\*
  - Reference: National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators
     NAUPA Standard Electronic File Format: http://www.wagers.net/NaupaSpec/NaupaRevisedStandard.pdf
     For information regarding reporting software visit: http://www.nast.org/NAUPA/Electronicreportstandard.htm

#### **Basic Holder Reporting Requirements**

- ► Holder Due Diligence
- Report in NAUPA Standard Electronic File Format
- ► Electronic file generated and protected for mailing
- ► Send Reports to:

Mailing Address
State of Hawaii
Unclaimed Property Program
P.O. Box 150
Honolulu, HI 96810

Office Location
State of Hawaii Unclaimed Property Program
No. 1 Capitol District Building
250 S. Hotel Street, Room 304
Honolulu, HI 96813

#### **Reporting Considerations**

- ▶ A report includes properties abandoned July 1 of the previous year to June 30 of the report year.
- ▶ Life insurance companies report abandoned property for the previous calendar year.
- ▶ Interest-bearing checking accounts or savings accounts must be clearly identified in a holder report.
- ▶ Electronic files are required for holder reports. For reports less than five (5) properties, holders may submit a list of property on business letterhead. Reports must include holder contact information and complete owner information.
- ▶ Upon approval, the report deadline may be extended. Holders must request for an extension on business letterhead addressed to: <u>Director of Finance</u>, <u>Georgina Kawamura</u> prior to the November 1 deadline. Written acknowledgement approving the request will extend the report deadline to January 1.
- ▶ Holders of safekeeping items, please contact our office.
- ▶ First time holders who report abandoned property for mutliple years, are required to submit separate files by year. Contact our office for details.





# **Holder Report Submission Requirements**

- ✓ Notarized affidavit stating that written notice was sent to the apparent owners of abandoned property
- ✓ Cover sheet including Holder Contact Information
- Summary listing of property
- Electronic file: NAUPA standard file format, protected for mailing
   CD or diskette checked and verified for evidence of a file
- ✓ Remittance payable to: Director of Finance, State of Hawaii

For free reporting software visit: http://www.nast.org/NAUPA/Electronicreportstandard.htm